

sentations from a large number of most respectable citizens, of the condition of things in that city, added to his own conviction of his constitutional duty, imposed upon him the obligations respectfully to consult the Mayor of the city, as to what provision should be made by him, (the Mayor,) to guarantee personal security and the free exercise of suffrage by the legal voters, at the approaching election ;”

*And whereas*, It appearing by said correspondence that the Mayor, in reply, invited His Excellency “to furnish him with any reliable evidence, upon which he could legally act, of a combination on the part of any of the citizens of said city, to obstruct the laws at the approaching election,” and also informed His Excellency that he deemed his powers to preserve the peace to be ample, and that in view of the emergency he had, “in addition to the usual complement of officers assigned to the stations and various election precincts, acting immediately in concert with the judges, together with the details by which they were to be regulated, there would be what he deemed, in his judgment, a force competent to insure to those who might be entitled to vote, the free and untrammelled exercise of their right of suffrage, and that it was his belief, that unless some unforeseen occurrence should take place, or an ungovernable feeling should be excited by those who were then engaged in the effort to break down the city government, that the election would proceed quietly, and without interruption ;”

*And whereas*, His Excellency declined or failed to furnish to the Mayor any evidence, (if any he had,) of a combination on the part of any citizens to obstruct or violate the laws, but forthwith, without further consultation or correspondence, issued his orders to the military officers to enrol, equip and hold a command of not less than six regiments, ready for immediate service, and thereupon made his proclamation to the citizens of Baltimore, announcing, among other things, that he had issued to this imposing military force, thus brought into the field, full instructions to preserve the peace of the city, and secure to the legal voters their rights, against the violence and intimidation of the lawless ruffians who have disgraced the city, and outraged the elective rights in the recent election ;

*And whereas*, In said proclamation he commanded that no man should leave the precincts of his own ward, unless ordered to do so by competent authority—thus he would promote the fairness of the election, and avoid the just retribution that would be dealt to those vagrant emissaries of disorder who wander from place to place, for the purpose of illegal voting ;